**Maricopa Association of Governments** 

# 2007 Regional Human Services Summit "Innovations in Planning"

T H U R S D A Y JUNE 7, 2007 8:30 am-1:30 pm

Arizona State University at the West Campus, La Sala, Rooms A and B 4701 W. Thunderbird Rd. Glendale. Arizona 85306





KEYNOTE SPEAKER: RICK LOWE

**Purpose:** to engage the key community stakeholders in a dynamic dialogue

about forming innovative partnerships to create meaningful change

in the community.

**Outcome:** development of a report that provides research on each issue with

corresponding projects or strategies and a contact list for people who support that project. This will provide a springboard for agencies

wanting to implement innovative human services projects.

Who Should Attend: community stakeholders with expertise and interest, Maricopa

Association of Governments (MAG) committee members, and

students will come together to share ideas and develop partnerships

to create change.















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### 2007 MAG Regional Human Services Summit, "Innovations in Planning" **Event Schedule: June 7, 2007**

8:30-9:00 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast** 9:00-9:30 a.m. **Plenary Session I** 

- Welcome: Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, City of Avondale
- Keys to successful collaborations: Mayor Mary Manross, City of Scottsdale

9:30-11:30 a.m. **Break-out sessions** 

• To stimulate constructive dialogue about two different issues and to outline a project that will collaboratively address both needs.

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Luncheon** 

- Keynote speaker: Rick Lowe, Project Row Houses
- MAG Human Services Committee Video: Successful Collaborations

12:30-1:30 p.m. Plenary Session II

- Project presentation
- Closing: Councilmember Greg Stanton, City of Phoenix

Follow Up: After the event, a report will be published presenting the projects and the appropriate contact information. It is hoped this report will be a useful tool and provide a starting point for agencies interested in pursuing the implementation of the projects.

> Partner with community leaders to make a difference! Be a part of the solutions—make your voice heard!



#### **Keynote Speaker: Rick Lowe**

Rick Lowe is the founder of Project Row Houses, located in a historically significant and culturally charged neighborhood in Houston, Texas. In 1993 Mr. Lowe established this agency to bring together the arts and social action. This neighborhood of 22 redeveloped shotgun style homes are known for their arts, cultural education and social service programs. The Young Mothers Residential Program and the After-School Arts Education Program provide community services while celebrating African American history and culture.

Mr. Lowe has presented internationally about these efforts and has received many awards. These include the Brandywine Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006, the Heniz Award in 2002 and the American Institute of Architecture Keystone Award in 2000. In addition, Mr. Lowe was a Loeb Fellow at Harvard University from September 2001 until June 2002. He combines creativity with social justice in an attempt to address social issues holistically. He says, "We can approach our lives as artists, each and every one of us. It's a choice people have. If you choose to, you can make every action a creative act." Mr. Lowe's presentation will offer inspiration and direction for how this region can work together collaboratively and creatively to create positive social change.

#### **SUMMIT REGISTRATION**

Registration Deadline: May 17, 2007
Reserve your place now.



## **Registration Fee:** \$35.00 per person.

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Contact Amy St. Peter at (602) 254-6300 for more information. Materials will be available at www.mag.maricopa.gov.

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"Human beings, joined in collaboration with the gifts of grace, are responsible for the planet and its future." William Schulz

